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On the Morning of Christ's Nativity

This is the month, and this the happy morn,
Wherein the Son of heaven's eternal King,
Of wedded Maid and Virgin Mother born,
Our great redemption from above did bring;
For so the holy sages once did sing,
That He our deadly forfeit should release,
And with His Father work us a perpetual peace.

That glorious form, that light unsufferable,
And that far-beaming blaze of majesty,
Wherewith He wont at heaven's high council table
To sit in the midst of Trinal Unity,
He laid aside, and here with us to be,
Forsook the courts of everlasting day,
And chose with us a darksome house of mortal clay.

—Milton

The Ancestry of "Santa Claus"

THE jolly, potbellied, roistering old Santa Claus is in hot water. Preachers and parents are rising up against him, declaring that he is a fraud and as such ought to be suppressed. Thank heaven, a sporadic agitation like this can have no serious results. Recalcitrant parents and preachers will pass away. Santa Claus will endure until the end, as he has endured from the beginning.

No one can say how old he is or at what period he made his first appearance among prehistoric men. The name of Santa Claus, by which he is known in America, is the Dutch pet name for St. Nicholas. The name Criss Cringle, by which he is known in England, is a corruption of Christ Kindlein, or the Christ child. But the festivities that distinguish Christmas existed long before Christianity, and a jolly god of good cheer appears as the personification of the period from the earliest pagan times. Now, the Santa Claus of to-day is simply that old jolly god sobered up, washed and purified.

The Dionysia of the Greeks, the Saturnalia of the Romans, the Twelve Nights of the old Norsemen and of the Teutons all celebrated the coming of the winter solstice. People then gave themselves up to all sorts of revelry and excess. In the Dionysia the representative figure was not the young Dionysus or Bacchus, but the aged, cheery and disreputable Silenus, the chief of the Satyrs, or the god of drunkards. In the Saturnalia it was Saturn, in the Germanic feasts it was Thor, both long bearded and white haired gods like Silenus.

Now, although the central figure of the Christian festival is the child God, the Christ Kindlein, the influence of long pagan custom was too strong within the breasts of the early Christians to be easily superseded. The tradition of hoary age as the true representative of the dying year and its attendant jollifications still remained smoldering under the ashes of the past. It burst into new flame when the past was too far back to be looked upon with the fear and antagonism of the church, and there seemed no longer any danger of a relapse into paganism. At first, however, the more dignified representative was chosen as more in keeping with the occasion. Saturn was unconsciously rebaptized as St. Nicholas, the name of the saint whose festival occurs in December, and who, as the patron of young people, is especially fitted for the patronage of the festival which has come to be looked upon as especially that of the young. At first St. Nicholas did not supersede the Christ child, but accompanied Him in His Christmas travels, as, indeed, he still does in certain rural neighborhoods of Europe where the modern spirit has been least felt.

St. Nicholas, according to the hagiologists, was a bishop of Myra, who flourished early in the fourth century. He is the patron of children and schoolboys.

It is strange that everywhere St. Nicholas is most honored and his feast day most observed the most pious and instructed among the common people know little of the legend of the saint. Each carries a basket. The devils blacken their faces and add horns of pigs' snouts or such other fantastic devices as the ingenuity of boyhood can devise. They are girt with chains, which they shake or rattle furiously. It is thought much better fun to be a devil than an angel, hence the number of the former is only limited to the number of boys who are able to command the necessary regalia. In the twilight of the evening of December 5 the good bishop and his suite begin their round of visits. It is the season for juvenile parties, and almost all the children of the village are collected in a few separate houses, each of which St. Nicholas visits in turn. He enters with the two angels, while his swarthy followers are left to play their pranks outside. A great silence falls upon the children, and one by one they are called up and examined by the saint. This part of the evening's business is carried on with the greatest seriousness and decorum. Simple religious questions suited to the age of each child are propounded, after which it has to sing hymns and recite prayers. If the ordeal is successfully passed the angels present it with nuts and apples. If it fails it has to stand aside. When the examination is ended the devils are called in.

They are not allowed to approach the good children, but may tease and frighten the naughty ones as much as they like. They do this at first as a matter of duty. Duty is followed by the pleasures whose anticipation had caused them to enlist—pleasures which consist in strange dances and antics, and in pursuing the larger girls with the attempt to blacken their faces. Their whole appearance is intended to be grotesque and farcical. For the entire evening they are allowed full license in the villages, though in some of the towns the festival has, for good reasons, been prohibited. For weeks before the eve of St. Nicholas a devil may occasionally be seen at the window of some cottage where the children are supposed to be naughty or their elder sister is known to be particularly attractive. It is proof of the sound nerves of the children that no harm comes from the ordeal.

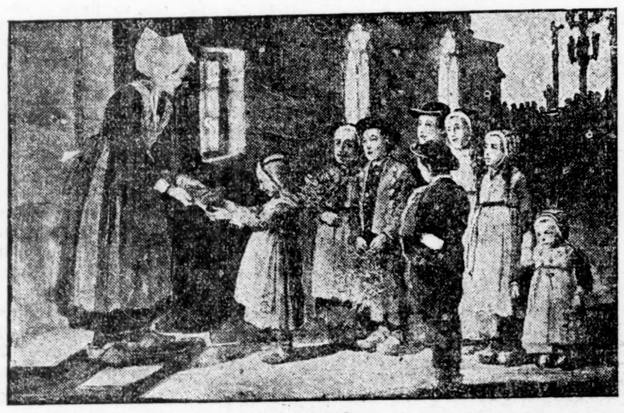
When St. Nicholas has left the children return to their own homes, but they do not believe that the generosity of the saintly bishop has been exhausted. After saying their prayers and going to bed they place dishes or baskets upon the windowsill, with their names written within them, and in these their parents deposit small presents, which their little sons and daughters fancy he has brought.

In many places the bugbear overshadows in importance both the Christ child and St. Nicholas. He appears under different names and in different guises. In Lower Austria he is the frightful Krampus, with his clanking chains and horrible devil's mask, who, notwithstanding his gilded nuts and apples, gingerbread and toys, which he carries in his basket, is the terror of the nursery. In Hanover, Holstein and Mecklenburg he is known as Clas. In Silesia his name is Joseph.

Sometimes the bugbear was a female. In Lower Austria she was called the Budelfrau. In Suabia it was the Berchtel who chastised children that did not spin diligently with rods, but rewarded the industrious with dried pears, apples and nuts.

The female bogie survives, especially in Russia and in Italy. In the former place she is known as the Baboushka, in the latter as the Befana. Befana is a corruption of Epiphania or Epiphany. For it is on Epiphany, January 6, that the Italians make presents to their children in commemoration of the gifts given by the three wise men to Christ on that date.—New York Herald.

Christmas Eve in Brittany: the Little Carol Singers.



When the average visitor arrives in Brittany for the first time he generally rubs his eyes to find out whether he is asleep or awake, for he discovers a land so novel in its aspect, a people so quaint in manners, customs and clothes, that it all seems like a dream from which he will presently awake to the nineteenth century he certainly leaves once the confines of this land are passed. Think of a low, flat country, with a strange growth of gnarled, queer-looking trees, of great stretches of plains with dark, surging grasses, only now and then a low hovel of a thatched stone house, in which the natives and their live stock, particularly the pigs, dwell together.

It is a place of little joy of living, for the land is ungrateful, and it requires all the energies of the husbandman to get even the smallest return for his work. The poverty is appalling and beggary is on all sides. The peasants rarely eat meat because of its cost. They live mainly on a soggy black bread, which is broken up into a soup made of a piece of suet stewed in boiling water. When the sardine is in season it is added, although this fish is generally eaten broiled, and when the chestnut comes all hands stuff at all hours of the day. The children dress just like the grown folks, and for both a single dress is kept most of their lives for the best, while on every day their collection of garments, save with the better classes, is remarkable.

But there are interesting customs that happen there, and have happened for, lo, these many years, since there is little change in Brittany. That of feeding the poor is a significant one, taking place on Christmas Eve, as well as at other times. Here comes the little ones of the poor to get their pieces of black bread and the bonne of the good cure distributes without prejudice to all comers. The clank of the sabots is heard along the stone streets as these unfortunate children tramp up to the rectory, and the picturesqueness of the scene is emphasized by the opera bouffe clothes the suppliants wear.

MOTHER AND CHILD.

N. Barabino, a Living Italian Painter.

He is treated with that mixture of seriousness and frivolity which becomes a dying myth. One masquerades in his dress in the evening and prays to him in the morning, and so fulfils a duty without spoiling the fun. Yet even the mumming has an educational purpose.

THE GERMAN SANTA CLAUS.

In Southern Germany and Austria a youth possessing the necessary religious knowledge is masked, dressed in long white vestments, with a silk scarf and furnished with a miter and crozier. He is accompanied by two angels and a whole troop of devils. The angels are dressed much like the choir boys in Anglican or Catholic churches.

NORTH STATE NEWS

Items of Interest Gleaned From Various Sections

FROM MOUNTAIN TO SEASHORE

Minor Occurrences of the Week of Interest to Tar Heels Told in Paragraphs.

Charlotte Cotton Market.

These figures represent prices paid to wagons:

Good middling	11½
Strict middling	11½
Middling	11½

General Cotton Market.

Galveston, firm	11⅞
New Orleans, steady	11⅞
Mobile, firm	11½
Savannah, steady	11 5-16
Charleston, firm	11 5-16
Norfolk, steady	11½
Baltimore, nominal	11¾
New York, quiet	12
Boston, quiet	12
Philadelphia, steady	12.25
Houston, steady	11⅞
Augusta, steady	11⅝
Memphis, firm	11 13-16
St. Louis, quiet	11⅞
Louisville, firm	11⅞

Dead in Shad Boat.

Elizabeth City, Special—The bodies of Leo Jarvis and Carrol Cox were brought here by Capt. P. W. Midgett, of the schooner Irene, who found them near Long Shoals, Hyde county. They were in a shad boat, which was half filled with water. The men met their death in Sunday's storm, which was a terrific one all along the Carolina coast. Money to the amount of $37 a purse, match case, photographs of a young lady and several letters were found in the pocket of Cox's coat. The letter was from Miss Mary Cutrell, of Wysocket, Hyde county. The young men were both very good looking, ages about 25. Parties at Swan Quarter were communicated with. They ordered the bodies sent to Belhaven, N. C.

Death of Rev. J. A. Weston.

Shelby, Special.—Rev. James A. Weston, of Hickory, who was stricken with paralysis in the Episcopal church one week ago, just as he had announced his text before delivering the opening sermon at the Convention, which was convening here, died without having at any time shown that he was conscious of his true condition. For several days his condition was that of one in a deep stupor, but during the latter part of his illness he seemed to be conscious when aroused, and not being able to articulate intelligently would ask for paper and pencil and thus express his thoughts.

Defendant Wins Suit.

Winston-Salem, Special—In the Superior Court the suit of Geo. F. McCoy, of New York, against W B. Ellis, a former tobacco manufacturer of this city, was concluded by the jury returning a verdict in favor of the defendant. The plaintiff's claim was for $2,300, the same being the fees of two New York lawyers, employed by the defendant. The jury in answering the issues said that Mr. Ellis was insane at the time he made the contract with two lawyers who later sold their claim to McCoy.

Flagman Killed.

High Point, Special.—Belated No. 30, a north-bound train which passed here Wednesday afternoon at 1.30 o'clock, struck and instantly killed Burton Green, white, of Pilot Mountain. Green was flagman on a local freight and was near as witch, with his back turned twords the approaching train, when the accident occurred.

Deserter Confesses Robbery.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Geo. McMahan, a young man who enlisted in the United States army a few months ago and later deserted, returning to his home in Davie county, surrendered and confessed that he was a member of a band that robbed the Southern Railway depot and several mercantile stores at Advance a few days before he entered the army.

$2,500 Jewelry Packages Disappear.

Houston, Texas, Special.—Three packages containing jewelry, watch cases and works to the value of $2,500 disappeared from an express wagon The packages were left under the seat while the driver stepped across the street. When he returned they were gone. They were consigned to jewelry firms in Houston and were about to be delivered. A similar event occurred last week when a package valued at $1,100 disappeared.

River Steamer Sunk.

Pittsburg, Special.—The steamer Twilight sank in 20 feet of water at lock No. 2, in the Monongahela river the crew of 12 men escaping with their lives by hurrying to the roof of the boat and being taken off in shiffs.

A charter was granted the Lumberton Sanitarium, capital stock $25,000 R. C. Lawrence being the principal stockholder.

DIVERSIFICATION VS. OVERPRODUCTION.

The Southern Cotton Association will not ask the farmers of the South to reduce the cotton acreage for 1906 less than that planted in 1905. The Association does ask and insist with all the force at its command that the average planted in cotton throughout the belt in 1905 be not increased during the planting season of 1906. Let the watchword of every Southern farmer be Diversification, and through that agency produce an abundance of food supplies to maintain each farm. Permanent independence, thrift and prosperity can only be enjoyed by Southern cotton growers through the adoption and maintenance of a system which will make each farm self-sustaining. It is the only medium through which the present iniquitious credit system which has so long held our people in bondage, can be effectively broken up and relegated to the past. It is the only medium through which the great masses of cotton producers can ever hope to control the sale of their cotton in the markets of the country and force consumers and buyers to pay them fair and just prices for the staple. Any system which forces the producer to market his crops rapidly in order to meet maturing obligations to pay for supplies that could be more cheaply raised at home will ever tend to make a slave of the grower, minimizing the rights of manhood which every Southern cotton raiser should enjoy to the fullest extent.

Over-Production a Serious Menace.

In spring, 1905, a crisis serious and potential faced the cotton growers of the South by reason of over-production of cotton in 1904. The Southern Cotton Association at that time waged an active and effective campaign for a reduction in the cotton area of be planted in 1905. The advice of the Association was loyally supported by cotton growers throughout the entire cotton belt and a reduction of fully five million acres was stricken from the cotton area for 1905 and planted in other crops. The result of this display of good judgment on the part of the farmers is today seen in bringing the production of cotton within the legitimate demands for consumption, good prices for the staple and well-filled corn cribs and smokehouses from North Carolina to the Rio Grande River. The agricultural, commercial, industrial and financial interests of the South are today enjoying an era of prosperity far in excess of any period experienced within the past half century. To maintain our present position, and forge ahead in the achievement of greater success, it is imperative that no serious mistake be made by the planters who are now making their arangements for the spring planting of 1906. Let every man pause and calmly consider his future even while enjoying the flush of a victory which has been the most marvelous ever won in modern times.

Present Acreage Sufficient.

The present estimated twenty-seven million acres planted in cotton is sufficient under normal climatic conditions to raise enough cotton to meet the demands of spinners for the American staple. Any material increase in the cotton acreage for 1906 will tend to stagnate the cotton market and depress prices below their legitimate value. The legitimate laws of supply and demand is the only true medium of regulating fair and legitimate prices for our great staple product. The Southern Cotton Association thro all its sources of strength and co-operative mediums of dissemmating information to its loyal and patriotic supporters with an eye single to the future prosperity of all cotton growers and business interests of the South, earnestly makes this appeal for broadening the splendid advantages that are to be gained by diversified agriculture on Southern farms. Plant an abundance of small grain, corn and side crops. Raise more hay, cattle and hogs.

Peace and Plenty.

Let well-filled corn cribs and smokehouses be the great bulwarks of safety between the farmers and the world of trade with whom they have to deal. Rotate your crops, intensify your acreage, fertilize liberally, cultivate well produce plentifully on the acreage planted and enjoy those rewards which should be the fulsome portion of those who till our Southern soils. Studay the possibilities of our soils and climate and learn to appreciate and develop the wonderful resources at our command in the field, garden and orchard of Southern agriculture. Become depositors in your banks rather than borrowers. Get on a cash basis as rapidly is possible and break up the ruinous credit system which in the past has been so fatal to cotton growers. As Southern farms become each year more self-sustaining under the adoption of a diversified and intensive system of culture and proper rotation of crops, the growers of the South's great staple can quckly regulate its marketing to meet the legitimate demands of consumption and maintain its price at such figures as will always give to the producer a profit on its production. Build warehouses with your surplus money, and secure adequate storage facilities for the proper handlinfi of your cotton in the markets of the country. Let us reach out and broaden the markets and uses for American cotton. Let us bring about direct trade between the producers and the spinners of the world and in safeguarding our magnificent and valuable staple from the greed of speculative interests enjoy the blessings of its monopoly and through co-operation rapidly develop our beloved Southland into the richest and most prosperous section of the entire Union. Pause, reflect and make no fatal mistake in entering upon the new crop year for 1906. The sun of peace and plenty is shining on the loyal and patriotic heads of Southern planters today. Providence has blessed our country. The clouds may thicken and darken our horizon in the spring if we grow heedless of our duty. The Southern Cotton Association sounds its note of warning and issue its appeal to the people.

Yours truly,
HARVIE JORDAN,
Pres. Southern Cotton Association

ITEMS OF STATE NEWS.

Supreme Court adjourned at Raleigh on Friday for the term, having filed nine cases, none of which are of special import.

The State Labor Commissioner finds that there are 229 more miscellaneous factories in the State this year than there were last year. The secretary of State finds that the total number of corporations chartered is 697.

The board acted upon the suggestion of Governor Glenn, that an exhibit be made at the various fairs in New England next autumn.

Mr. Clarence H. McKay and Mr. Wm. Vanderbilt of New York arrived at Jamestown near High Point for a ten day's hunt at Mr. McKay's lodge between here and Jamestown.

The Supreme Court has finished a hearing of arguments at this term. Attorney General Gilmer said he thought it would adjourn for the term about Wednesday or Thursday of next week, as it is well up with its opinions.

Announcement was made to the Baptist State Convention that the Baptist University for Women would publish, beginning next week a paper to be known as The Bulletin. This institution now has 350 students.

The State board of agriculture rejected the resolution offered appropriating $750 specially for the payment of premiums upon certain field crops. For several years this disbursements has been made on account of exhibits to State fairs.

A charter is granted the Atlantic Fire Insurance Company, of Raleigh, paid up stock, $125,000, principal stockholders Charles E. Johnson, J. J. Thomas, Herbert W. Jackson, James H. Pou, Thomas F. Womack, J. S. Wynne and Galvin Dortch. A fire insurance company is organized at Rocky Mount, with $50,000 capital stock. The insurance commissioner says that this is paid up and that there is also $12,500 surplus.

The feature of the annual State convention of the county superintendents was a report by Superintendent McBride, of Cumberland, who said some teachers under contract there had broken their contracts and gone to other counties to teach. He called on the State superintendent for a ruling, putting on the black list all teachers who do this, so their certificates will be cancelled.

The board of education appoints what is known as the first $100,000 appropriation from the treasury to the public schools at the rate of fourteen cents per capita. This gives Wake county $2,735, Mecklenburg $2,782, Buncombe $2,262. New Hanover $1,080 and Craven $1,060.

Lights on at Spencer.

Spencer, Special.—The electric arc street lights in Spencer were turned on for the first time Wednesday night and the streets, which but five years ago were barren fields, are brilliantly lighted. The electric system has been in course of construction since April of this year. The water works system now being put in by the Spencer Water Company is well under way.

$10,000 Loss in Cotton Mill Fire.

Albemarle, Special.—Friday morning a fire broke out in or under the picker room of the Miscassett Mill, where there was about 60 bales of cotton open at the time. The total loss will reach $8,000 or $10,000, fully covered by insurance.

Salisbury's New Hotel.

Salisbury, Special—Salisbury's new hotel, at the corner of Main and Council streets, will be opened before a great while. Applicants for the landlordship of this building with 62 rooms, have been numerous, but as yet its owners have not leased it. Mr. W. S. Nicholson has been awarded the contract for heating it by steam and will install this apparatus at once.

Locomotive Works Doubled.

Richmond, Special.—Preparations are being made to enlarge the Richmond plant of the American Locomotive works to almost double its present capacity. The plant is now working day and night with a force of about 2,400 men. It has large orders for locomotives and will ereet new buildings at once.

Receiver for Railroads.

Cincinnatti, Special.—An application for the appointment of a receiver for the Cincinnatti, Hamilton & Dayton Railway and the Pere Marquette Railroad was filed in the United States Circuit Court here by Lawrence Maxwell, Jr., circuit Judge Lorton immediately began hearing the application and appointed Attoney General Judson Harmon as receiver for both roads. Insolveney is admitted.

BANKRUPTED RULER

PEN MIGHTIER THAN THE BOMB

Russian Revolutionary Leaders Issiue Manifesto Declaring the Treasury Bankrupt

Ordering Their Followers to Cease Paying Taxes in Order to Utterly Ruin Czardom—Withdrawal of All Bank Deposits in Gold Urged—Government Said to be Covering Up Deficits by Proceeds of Foreign Loans—No Money to Pay Starving Soldiers—Document a Sudden and Terrible Blow.

St. Petersburg, Special.—The proleteriat organizations through the "invisible government" threw a bomb into the camp of the official government during the night, issuing a manifesto, following the form of the regular imperial document, declaring the bankruptcy of the Treasury, ordering the proletaria army everywhere to refuse to pay taxes of any deseriptio, to insist on the payment of wages in gold or silver, and to withdraw all their deposits from the savings banks in gold.

The manifesto is a terrible indictment of the manner in which the bureaucracy has brought the country to financial ruin, asserting that the government has squandered not only the country's income, but the proceeds of the foreign loans on railroads, the army and the fleet, leaving the people without schools or roads.

No Money to Feed Soldiers.

It is declared that there is no money to feed the soldiers and that everywhere there are insurrections of the beggar and starved troops and sailors. The manifesto even charges the government with using the deposits in the government savings banks to speculate on the bourse and with the covering up its chronic deficits in the interest on the immense debt by the proceeds of the foreign loans, which are at last exhausted. The rich, it is further declared, have already taken warning and are converting their property into securities and gold and are sending them abroad. The only salvation for the country, according to the manifesto, is the overthrow of the autocracy by a constituent assembly, and "the sooner the government falls the better. Therefore the last source of existence of the old regime, its financial revenue, must be stopped."

The document is signed by the members of the Workingmen's Council, the committee of the Pan-Russia Union and the central committee of the Social Democrats, Social Revolutionists and Socialists of Poland.

Caught The Government Napping

This great step of the revolutionaries which throws down the gauze of battle to the government, was prepared with such secrecy that the authorities were taken off their guard and did not even attempt to prevent its publication in the newspapers. The revolutionary leaders expect that it will be followed by reprisals and arrests, but all this has been foreseen. The leaders laid their plans deeply before issuing the manifesto. The new committees of the various organizations have been placed in the third and fourth degree. If one set of committees is put behind the bars, another will take its place and carry on the work.

The League of Leagues was not asked to join in the manifesto, being regarded with some jealousy by the proletariat organizations which claim to be bearing the brunt of the revoultion and to be entitled to the fruits thereof.

The proletariat leaders claim to have absolute knowledge that the government has just issued $125,000,000 in paper money. Under the provisions of the press law, the editor of every paper which printed the manifesto has rendered himself liable to eight months' imprisonment and $1,500 fine. Now must come the test of the government's power.

It develops that among the papers of M. Krustlieff, the president of the executive committee of the Workmen's Council, seized at the time of his arrest, were documents which furnish evidence of a well-planned conspiriey to seize and carry off Premier Witte.

Damaging Sleet Storm.

Greensboro, Special—Practically isolated from the outside world, Greensboro on Friday and Saturday was in the grip of one of the worst sleet storms it has experienced for years. Telegraphic and telephonic communication was cut off for the best part of the day, due to broken wires and falling poles. This damage was temporarily repaired and all wires were soon in fair working order. Inestimable damage was done to trees and folage crushed beneath the weight of icy tendrils. Street car service was seriously hampered and a general discomforture ensued.

Lynchburg Nearly Cut Off.

Lynchburg, Va., Special.—Except for a single wire to Danville and another to Washington, Lynchburg was cut off by telegraphic communication Saturday morning with the North and South on account of a sleet storm. The 200 linemen at work here on the system are restoring the circuits. Many of them went to Greensboro, N. C., where the worst of the storm appears to have been experienced.

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A PATENT INSTEAD OF THE CANAL.

Mr. Albert Cathey, of Davidson, this State, has applied for a patent for an invention which he claims will obviate the necessity of digging the Panama Canal. The patent provides a method by which he claims the largest steamships can be carried across the isthmus in a short time. The plan is to construct two water locks at the entrance from each ocean, run a street railway track into these, on which the ship can be landed for transportation, move the vessel on by a ball-bearing system of steel balls, which as they pass from under the moving vessel will be carried by an automatic machine or motor forward over the vessel to front to be used again.

It is not our purpose to discourage Mr. Cathey, but we do not think his invention will take the place of the canal. Even if the vessels could be taken out of the water and started on his "roller-coaster" what would be the remedy if the machinery refused to work when the vessel was half way across the isthmus? And what could be done in the event of a wreck on the road? Somebody's ship would be left high and dry.

Last year Gov. Glenn went to the Virginia-Carolina football game and came back delighted, saying he was going every year. But since then President Roosevelt has requested that the game be modified and the general public is backing his sentiment.

And for some reason Gov. Glenn did not go to the Virginia-Carolina game this year, and it is stated that he has now requested Dr. Venable, President of the State University, to either modify the game or abolish it.

We wonder why the Governor has had such a change of heart in regard to the game?

Gov. Aycock in his inaugural address said that under Fusion rule crime stalked abroad at noonday, sleep lay down with alarm and that the sound of the pistol was more frequent than the song of the mocking-bird.

Crimes continued to increase during his rule, and since he has been out of office every case, of any importance, that he has appeared in he has appeared in behalf of the criminal or defendant.

If the Governor was sincere in the charges he made in his inaugural address, he has done nothing to relieve the situation since that time.

It has been our custom for several years to give our printers a vacation Christmas week, so as to give them an opportunity to visit their families and friends. Therefore, we will not have an issue next week, but the [illegible] will again visit our many subscribers Thursday, January 4th, and every week thereafter during the year, and we trust that, as in the past, it will always be a welcome visitor.

We wish you one and all a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year.

A democrat in Norfolk, Virginia, was convicted Tuesday of election frauds and sentenced to two years in the State penitentiary.

He was in hard luck by not being in this State. The democratic machine would have appropriated the State's money for his defense and ordered the Attorney General to defend him and later given him an office for party service.

If democratic control of the whiskey business in this State is causing less drinking, why is it that Keely Institute has to enlarge its building to take care of the increased number of drunkards?

Over seven thousand bills have already been introduced in Congress. And if the democratic members continue to try to block legislation and wash their soiled linen in the House it will be many years before these bills will be disposed of.

In the Senate last Saturday Senator Culberson, of Texas, in speaking or the action of the administration in regard to the birth of the Panama republic, said it was "indefensible in law and infamous in morals."

Possibly not any more so than some of those who attack it.

Gov. Glenn told a reporter of a Baltimore paper that he was a democrat. The question is what kind of a democrat—in other words, to what wing of the party does he belong—or does he belong to the faction without wings?

Since the democratic politicians have started liquor dispensaries over the State, Keely Institute at Greensboro has found it necessary to enlarge its building in order to take care of the increased number of drunkards in this State.

A young man in the western part of this State married his mother-in-law a few days ago, which proves that at least one man was fond of his mother-in-law.

Mr. James H. Eckles says: "The great majority of the American people are at the bottom honest."

Then they should be turned bottom side up with care.

The Revenue officers captured six stills Sunday and Monday within a radius of fifty miles of Raleigh. We haven't yet heard how many were captured by the State officials?

One of our subscribers in sending us the amount of his subscription says he believes THE CAUCASIAN to be the best political weekly paper published in the State.

Old Questions of Church and State.

Gov. Glenn announces that he will ask the next legislature to pass an act requiring the Bible to be read daily in all the public schools of the State. The Landmark believes that all schools should be opened with Scripture readings but it is old-fashioned enough to doubt the wisdom of laws on the subject. But that is the fashion now—pass a law is the infallible remedy for everything (enforcing the laws after they are passed is of minor importance.) While they are about it the Landmark suggests that a law be passed requiring all citizens, male and female, of the age of twelve years and upwards, to attend church at least once every Sunday unless they can show a doctor's certificate that they are physically disabled, and that all citizens furthermore be required to say their prayers at least twice a day. It might be a good idea to require candidates for the legislature next year to speak out on these matters.—Statesville Landmark.

OLD COUNTY COURT.

Very Striking Opinion From One of the Judges.

In the old County Court three magistrates acted as judges. One of these trio was composed of three astute gentlemen whose surnames were Wiseman, Pinckston and Walser. One day some lawyers were arguing very learnedly and insisted that a certain decision be handed down by the court. Chief Justice Wiseman, handing the decision down, said: "The court ain't going to decide that way if she knows herself, and she thinks she do!" If there was any exception from either of the two justices, it was not recorded, and hence we take it that the court was right in thinking that "she do."—Dispatch.

The writer has always heard that it was Mr. Justice Walser who declared the now historic opinion.—North State.

Prisoner in Fear of Being Hanged Refuses Offers of Food.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec 16.—Andrew Zoss, a prisoner in the county jail here, is starving himself to death.

For the last two weeks Warden Roth says he has taken no food, and the only thing which has passed his lips is a little water which the keepers have been able to force down his throat. He is now so weak that he has frequent periods of unconsciousness.

Zoss is imprisoned on a charge or feloniously wounding his wife, who is now just recovering from her injuries; and Warden Roth believes that the man thinks the penalty for his offense is hanging.

Roth appealed to the district attorney, and the man's bail was reduced from $5,000 to $1,000 to enable his friends to get him out; but they have not yet been able to get security.

Not Unlikely.

Howell—Who was the fellow who went around with a lantern looking for an honest man?"

Powell—I don't know, but if he were to try it today somebody would steal the lantern.—Woman's Home Companion for January.

J. R. MITCHELL TO HANG AT WINDSOR.

Abram Askew Calls His Brother-in-Law out of Hotel and Shoots Him as He is Going Back.

Windsor, N. C., Dec. 18.—Unless the Governor interferes Windsor will have its first hanging in twenty-five years. Jesse R. Mitchell is in jail convicted of murder in the first degree, having killed his wife. He killed her at night and put her body in an outhouse and burned the house. Portions of her body were not burned and there were certain buckles and buttons of a peculiar character which helped to identify her remains and to fasten the crime on him. The execution will take place on the 21st unless there is executive interference. No notice has been published of any application for executive clemency, but several letters and petitions have gone to Governor Glenn asking a commutation.

On Thursday night Elliott Ruffin, a colored boy, had some words with Murray Sessoms, a young white lad. The matter passed off, but as Ruffin was returning home Sessoms, who was in waiting, attacked him with a club and dealt him a severe blow. He has been in a stupor ever since, but the doctor thinks there is a good chance for his recovery. This is a case of too free allowing of young boys to run at large at night.

On Saturday night a dreadful shooting took place near the Hotel Windsor. Mr. Abram Askew called his brother-in-law, Mr. Whit Blackstone, out of the hotel, and after some conversation Blackstone turned to go back to the hotel when Askew fired and struck him in the back. Several shots were fired—one striking Blackstone also in the hand. Blackstone was carried to Norfolk yesterday by Dr. Chas. J. Sawyer, to be operated on at the Sarah Leigh Hospital. Up to this writing Askew has not been taken.

President Roosevelt's Strategy.

The most conspicuous example of Mr. Roosevelt's dependence upon and use of public opinion was given in the Fifty-seventh Congress, when in the face of the most powerful opposition ever brought to bear upon a measure before Congress he was urging the passage of the administration's plan of anti trust legislation. At a critical period in the deliberations of the Senate and House, when the program had been partially carried out, it came to the ears of the President that agents of the Standard Oil Company had sent telegrams to certain Senators practically ordering them to defeat one of the pending bills. Certain newspaper correspondents also knew that the telegrams had been received.

The President immediately saw his chance, and with his knowledge and approval a story was telegraphed broadcast giving the substance of the telegrams, coupled with the authorized statement that, if this attempt of a corporation to control Congress and thwart the wishes of the administration and the people should succeed, an extra session of Congress would at once be called and kept in session until the desired legislation should become law. The response of public sentiment was immediate and the anti-trust program went quickly through. The President's intuition that the public would not stand for an attempted coercion of Congress was correct, and the story that was published simultaneously from Maine to California did its work and the President gained his point.—Pearson's Magazine.

Rough Rider Loses Customs Job.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—"Pat" Garrett, the six-foot three Westerner who shot and killed "Billy the Kid," will not be reappointed Collector of Customs at El Paso Texas, because he offended the President by attending the Rough Riders' reunion at San Antonio last spring in company with a professional gambler and saloonkeeper whose reputation was not of the best.

Garrett was a member of the President's regiment and was well liked by Mr. Roosevelt, who appointed him to office. Garrett has been here several days, and called at the White House to see the President. His reception was anything but cordial.

Health Exercise.

To develop the chest, breathing exercises should be taken both morning and evening. Stand straight and clasp the hands at the back of the neck, elbows touching in front. Inhale, force elbows out and back, exhale, brings elbows forward until they meet. This is an excellent exercise for chest and lung expansion and to strengthen the muscles of the back.—Medical Journal.

Non-Committal.

Mama, did you ever flirt when you were a girl?"

"Yes, my dear, I did once."

"And were you punished for it?"

"It led to my marriage with your father."—Translated for Tales from "Le Rire."

Painter Fatally Hurt.

Winston-Salom, N. C., Dec. 18.—A block and tackle fell upon the head of Walter Mabe, a house painter, at 5 o'clock this evening, cutting a hole in the skull. The attending physician says that the wound will prove fatal.

A Bottomless Lake.

Among the hills of Sligo there is a small lake renowned in that region for its fabulous depth. A well-known professor, traveling in that part of Ireland was asked by his native guide if he would like to see the lake. "It's no bottom at all sorr," said Pat. "How do you know that?" asked the professor.

"Well, sorr, me own cousin was showin' the p'ind to a gentleman one day, sorr, and he looked incredulous like, just as you do, and me cousin couldn't stand it for him to doubt his word, sorr, and so he said: 'I'll prove the truth of me words,' he said, and off with his clothes and into the water he jumped, and didn't come up again at all, at all."

"But," said the professor, "I don't see that he proved the point by drowning himself." "Is it drowned? Divil a bit drowned at all he was. Sure, didn't a cable come from him next day in America askin' for his clothes to be sent on!"—Argonaut.

Wife Caught 'Possum in Dining Room.

A few nights ago Mr. L. A. Tyson, of Ansonville township, concluded that he was hungry for a good mess of 'possum and sweet potatoes, so he hied himself to the woods, accompanied by his dog, in search of one. Soon after Mr. Tyson left Mrs. Tyson had occasion to go into the kitchen for something when lo! and behold what should she see but a fine, fat 'possum drinking out of her slop bucket. Mrs. Tyson was very much startled at the apparition, but quickly recovered her wits and pretty soon had the 'possum securely fastened in a box.

Mr. Tyson did not have much good luck in the woods, as he came home empty handed,—Wadesboro Messenger and Intelligencer.

Religion of the Right Sort.

Marshville Home.]

A few weeks ago the editor of this paper received a check in payment of an account which was about six years old. The young man who owed it has since entered the ministry and in his letter he stated that that settled the last of his old accounts. A religion that will make a man pay his debts is a mighty good kind of religion, and we don't believe in a religion that won't make a man pay his debts, if he can, will possibly save him eternal damnation after he shuffles off this earth and has to face the judgment bar We don't believe a dead beat has any idea of what genuine religion is, except what he has heard people say about it.

Men the World Need.

Men who put character above wealth.

Men who will not lose their individuality in a crowd.

Men who will be as honest in small things as in great things.

Men whose ambitions are not confined to their own selfish desires.

Men who are true to their friends through good report and evil report, in adversity as well as in prosperity.

Men who do not believe that shrewdness, sharpness, cunning and long headedness are the best qualities for winning success.—Chicago American.

Shipping Holly Pays.

Pender Chronicle]

Holly is still going forward in great abundance. We learn that thirty car loads had been forwarded up to last Monday. A gentleman told us his pay roll was $300 per week, and as there are several in the business, it must turn loose as much as a thousand or twelve hundred dollars a week. This is a large amount of money to pay out for something that has hitherto had no value.

Narrow Escape of Man, Woman and Child From Burning Residence Near Joliet.

Winston, N. C., Dec. 16.—A two-story frame house near Joliet, occupied by Nat Allen and family consisting of wife and one child, was destroyed by fire Thursday night. Mr. Allen and his family were awakened by the flames and they were forced to jump out of the window.

They walked to the home of a neighbor, three quarters of a mile, in their night clothes. Mr. Allen lost all of his household property, including all of the clothes belonging to himself, wife and child.

The fire is supposed to have originated from a defective flue.

Not Hopeless.

"Your honor," said the attorney, "this man's insanity takes the form of a belief that everyone wants to rob him. He won't allow me, his counsel, to approach him."

"Maybe he's not so crazy, after all," murmured the Court, in a judicial whisper.—Ex.

Took Broken Arm to the Show.

Washington, Del., Dec. 18.—Rather than miss the show, Fred Piner, a negro sat an hour in the Lyceum theatre this afternoon nursing a broken arm. He fell on the slippery sidewalk before entering the theatre. The pain finally became so great that he asked the manager if he could come some other time and only left upon the request being granted.

THREE MEN BLOWN TO PIECES.

Seven Severely Wounded—Drill Struck Forgotten Dynamite Charge Near Waldorf-Astoria.

New York, Dec. 19.—Three men were blown to pieces, seven others were more or less seriously hurt and the occupants of fashionable hotels and residences in the vicinity of Fifth Avenue and 31th street were startled today by an explosion of dynamite in an excavation for the new Altman building.

Fragments of the bodies of the dead were scattered over an area of hundreds of feet, and is was hours before the exact number of victims of the accident could be determined.

The explosion was caused by a workman unintentionally striking a heavy charge of dynamite which had been placed in a drill hole in a ledge of rock several days ago, and which defied the attempts to explode it at that time.

There was a terrific roar, the air was filled with particles of stone, fragments of human flesh, pieces of timber, dirt and smoke. Scarcely a trace was found in the excavation of the three men men who had stood almost directly over the hole, and when the smoke cleared away seven others who had been within range of the concussions were stretched out on the ground, their faces and bodies torn and scarred.

The "Every-Day" President.

Henry Beach Needham, in an intimate study, "Theodore Roosevelt—An Outdoor Man," in the January McClure's, tells more than the average citizen of the United States ever guesses of the work and play of the President. After reading this article one wonders how Mr Roosevelt has the strength to stick to the pace. And Mr. Needham tells something else; that the President started life handicapped by ill-health, and only through persistent effort acquired his splendid physique. The illustrations are copies of rare photographs of the President, most of which borrow added interest from their unusual surroundings.

The article is especially interesting to fathers and sons and daughters because it suggests the idea that almost anybody can attain the same degree of activity that Mr. Roosevelt has attained—by choosing rightly what to do. That is the President's own idea about it. He says that it is all in the choosing.

F. M. Stevens to be Tried for Shooting o Caleb Lee at February Term of Court.

Asheville, N. C, Dec. 16.—The habeas corpus proceedings instituted by attorneys for F. M. Stevens, who shot Caleb Lee, to have their client admitted to bail, ended this morning when Judge Fred Moore announced that he had decided to allow bond and fixed the amount at $5,000.

The case against Mr. Stevens will be called for trial at the February term of court.

The Same Yesterday.

Judge—What is your age?

Fair Witness—Twenty-nine, your honor.

"That's exactly what you said two years ago."

"Well, I'm not going to say one thing today and another thing tomorrow."—Translated for Tales from "Fliegende Blatter."

It is a mighty poor husband that can't promise his wife anything she wants. Performance is another matter.—Ex.

Marriage may occasionally be a failure, but in most well regulated households it is a "howling" success—especially about teething time. Exchange.

Secretary Shaw says we want a more elastic currency. Right you are, Secretary; something that will stretch from one pay-day to another. —Philadelphia Evening Telegraph.

"What is an abstract noun, Nellie?" asked the teacher of a bright little girl. "Don't know," was the answer. "Well, it's the name of something you can think of but can't touch. Now can you give an example?" "A red-hot poker," was the surprising and prompt reply.—Exchange.

The Tongue the Trouble.

She—A married couple should pull together like a team of horses.

He—Yes, and they probably would if, like a team of horses, they had but one tongue between them.—Ex.

TORTURE OF A PREACHER.

The story of the torture of Rev. O. D. Moore, pastor of the Baptist church, of Harpersville, N. Y, will interest you. He says: "I suffered agonies, because of a persistent cough, resulting from the grip. I had to sleep sitting up in bed. I tried many remedies, without relief, until I took Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption Coughs and Colds, which entirely cured my cough and saved me from consumption." A grand cure for diseased conditions of Throat and Lungs. At all druggists; price 50c and $1,00, guaranteed. Trial bottle free.

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From all appearances it looks like the Democratic members of the House of Representatives are going to "earn their salary" fighting each other. This is doubtless better than throwing stumbling blocks in the way of Republican legislation.—Union Republican.

If the Baby is Cutting Teeth

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FURIOUS FIGHTING.

"For seven years," writes George W. Hoffman, of Harper, Wash., "I had a bitter battle, with chronic stomach and liver trouble, but at last I won, and cured my diseases, by the use of Electric Bitters. I unhesitatingly recommend them to all, and don't intend in the future to be without them in the house. They are certainly a wonderful medicine, to have cured such a bad case as mine." Sold, under gusrantee to do the same for you. All druggists, at 50c. a bottle. Try them today.

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It is said that Ruth Bryan, daughter of William Jennings Bryan, started to school not long ago and after a desperate run for a street car, finally succeeded in catching it.

"Well," she gasped as she took her seat, "I'm glad there's one of the family can run for something and get it!"—Exchange.

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"I have a son that had brain fever when two years old, followed by fits of the worst type, and he was pronounced incurable. I spent hundreds of dollars for him, without relief. After about fifteen years he became so bad that we sent him to Longcliff hospital for the insane, at Logansport, Ind. He was there nearly three years, but he continued to grow worse, so we brought him home July 29, 1902, in an awful condition. He had lost his mind almost entirely. He hardly knew one of the family; could not even find his bed; was a total wreck. He had from 5 to 10 fits a day. We were urged to try Dr. Miles' Nervine, and before the first bottle was used, we could see a change for the better. We have given it to him ever since, and he has had but two very light spells since last August, 1903, and then he was not well other ways. We pronounce him cured, as he can work and go anywhere. If any one wishes to ask any questions concerning this, they are at liberty to do so."

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Entered at the Post Office in Raleigh N. C., as second-class mail matter.

Davidson College has recently received a donation of $13,050.

A wild deer was captured by a negro in the town of Charlotte last Saturday.

Hon. Isaac Meekins, postmaster at Elizabeth City, was in Raleigh Saturday.

The annual meeting of the Southern Cotton Growers Association will be held in Raleigh Jan. 3rd

The trial of Dr. J. B. Matthews, of Greensboro, for wife murder, has been continued to the February term of court.

The Revenue officers captured a large blockade still about two and one-half miles east of Wake Forest Monday night.

The Transylvania Railroad, extending from Hendersonville to Toxaway, has been leased by the Southern Railway.

Revenue officers captured two blockade stills in Durham County Sunday. Six have been captured in this district in two days.

The four-year old son of Mr. D. L. Harris, of Concord, was burned to death Monday. His clothing caught while playing near the fire.

Preston Daniels, a negro, was hanged at Williamston Saturday for the murder of William Eborn, another negro, on an excursion train at Parmelee last spring.

The residence of Mr. John Fields, near LaGrange, was burned Saturday night, and the barn of Mr. J. H. Rouse, near LaGrange, was burned the same night.

The committee appointed by the last legislature for that purpose, are now examining the books of the State Treasurer, State Auditor and the Insurance Commissioner.

The Atlantic Fire Insurance Company was formally organized in Raleigh Monday. The proposed stock of $125,000 was subscribed. The company will begin business first of the new year.

In the Supreme Court Saturday Justice Walker refused a writ of habeas corpus in behalf of Bob Lilliston, one of the two men charged with the killing of George Smith in the depot here during fair week.

Monday near Deep Bottom, Duplin County, two men named Sholar and Brown engaged in a difficulty, and Sholar struck Brown on the head with a scantling, from the effects of which he died. Both men were drinking.

Elsewhere in our news columns it is stated that Jesse R. Mtihell will be hanged at Windsor, Bertie county, the 23rd inst. Since that article was put in type the Governor has respited Mitchell's sentence to January 22nd.

Burton Jarrell and Garfield Hicks, the two negooes charged with killing Gilbert King, a white man, were tried at Warrenton last week. Jarrell was sentenced to twenty-five years in the penitentiary but appealed. The trial of Hicks resulted in a hung jury. Both negroes were returned to Raleigh Saturday for safe keeping.

Had Thirty-Seven Aunts.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 19 —It is said that Louisa Cotton, the colored woman who fell dead Friday night as she was returning home, had 37 aunts, 23 uncles and 11 children. The funeral did not take place until yesterday in order to give these relatives an opportunity to attend.

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WITH A LAME BACK?

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COURT SHOWS MERCY TO MRS. CLARK.

Woman from Hertford Admitted Fraud to Get a U. S. Pension—Changed Marriage Date.

In the Federal Court at Raleigh Monday Mrs. Laura J. Clark, a white woman of Hertford County, plead guilty of falsifying a certificate in order to secure a United States pension. The facts brought out were that Mrs. Clark having applied for a pension, found that it was necessary for her to send a certificate of the date of her marriage. She secured the certificate at the court house in Hertford and changed the date from 1902 to 1899, as pensions are not paid to widows who are married after 1900. Mrs. Clark said she did not remember the date of her wedding but thought the court records were wrong. It was also shown that Mrs. Clark was in destitute circumstances and that her health was very poor. Her attorney left the case to the mercy of the court. The District Attorney left the case for Judge Purnell to deal with. His Honor said he could not see where any good to the public could be accomplished by punishing the woman and judgment was suspended.

The History of Earrings.

Girls who are fond of earrings may perhaps be interested in hearing a few facts about them. Sad it is for the emancipated woman of the present day to learn that these fashionable ornaments were originally a mark of slavery. In bygone days the slave always wore his master's earrings. In the East they were a sign of caste and were buried with the dead. Some ancient earrings were very elaborate and many statues had their ears bored in readiness for votive offerings of earaings, says Home Notes.

In our own country the earliest earrings were very cumbrous and made of stone or wood. The 18th century saw the glorification of the earring, fashionable beauties outvying each other with the rarest and most beautiful jewels.—Exchange.

Second Train Load of North Carolina Furniture for Panama.

Mebane, N. C., Dec. 18.—The second solid train load of furniture which the White Furniture Company of Mebane, has sold to the United States government for use on the Isthmus of Panama, left Mebane today, hauled by a special engine and crew by whom it will be taken direct to New York for shipment.

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Judge Osborne Decides to Practice Law With His Brother in New York.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 18.—The announcement which comes from New York city to the effect that Judge Frank I. Osborne, of Charlotte, will locate in that city for the practice of his profession, is a matter of interest to the State bar and to many friends over the State of this distinguished lawyer.

Lovering Resolution Tabled by Committee.

Washington, Dec. 19.—After a sharp discussion the Lovering resolution providing for a new estimate on the cotton crop by the Department of Agriculture on January 10, 1906, was laid on the table by the House Committee on Agriculture by unanimous vote today.

Altruism.

She—Papa doesn't want us to be married for ten years yet. But don't look so worried, George, you will still be young ten years from now.

He—Yes, darling; but I wasn't thinking of myself.—Translated for Tales from "Le Rire"

A Reminder to Our Subscribers Who are in rrears.

This week we are mailng out statements to our subscribers who are in arrears on their subscription. We are not sending out these statements because we are afraid our subscribers will not pay us, but are sending them out as a matter of business. It is often that a subscriber forgets when his subscription is due and a reminder is all that is necessary. We are very anxious that all our subscribers who are due on subscription will send us the amount due, together with renewal for another year, before the 1st of January, 1906, as we do not want to carry any old accounts over into the new year. If our statement of your account is wrong write us and we will gladly make proper correction.

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PAYNE BILL REPORTED

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Washington, Dec. 19.—By a vote of 7 to 5 the House committee on ways and means reported favorably today on the Payne bill admitting all Philippine products into the United States free excepting sugar and tobacco, which are to pay 25 per cent. of the Dingley rates until 1909, when they also are to go on the free list.

Barge Given Up as Lost.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 18.—All hope of finding the whaleback barge Rath, lost by the steamer Bay View off Winter Quarter light, during a storm last Friday night, has been given up, as it is almost certain that the vessel foundered near Cape Henry, and went to the bottom with Captain Mackenzie, his wife and five seamen.

Wyoming Bachelors Want Brides.

Meetteetes, Wyo., Dec. 18.—As a result of the State census, showing ten unmarriad men in Big Horn county to each girl of voting age, the bachelors have raised a fund to advertise for marriageable girls.

Bishop Robbed in a Church.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 18.—A gold cross worth $1,000, set with rubies and suspended on a gold chain, was cut from the vestments of Bishop Cotton, of Buffalo, while he was attending the dedication of a Greek Catholic church today.

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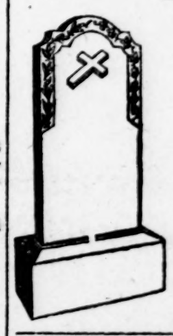

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"'That lady who just went out—didn't I hear her ask you for fresh laid eggs?'

"'Yes, sir,' the clerk answered.

"'And you said we hand't any?'

"'Yes, sir; that is correct!'

"The grocer, purple with rage, yelled:

"'Didn't you see me lay those eggs myself on the counter not ten minutes ago? You are discharged, you mendacious scoundrel, and see that you don't look to me for a reference, either.'"—New York Tribune.

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Rate Bill By Tillman.

With spirited debates on the subjects of railroad rate legislation, arising through the introduction of a bill by Mr. Tillman to authorize the interstate comerce commission to fix maximum rates, and the Panama Canal, due to a controversy over the reference of the emergency appropriation bill to a committee Monday's session of the Senate continuously proved interesting for more than four hours. An adjournment was taken without a mention of the late Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, and so for the first time the death of a member was permitted to pass unnoticed by the Senate.

After more than a score of Senators had discussed the Panama Canal bill it was refered to the appropriations committee by a vote of 40 to 23.

House Committees.

The addition of a Republican member to all of the important committees of the House has enabled Speaker Cannon to solve the difficult problem of committee assignments in a matter which apepars most satisfactory to both parties in the House. Only two important chairmanships were vacant, appropriations and public buildings and grounds. In filling the former the Speaker followed precedent and looked the whole House for the available material. James A. Tawney, of Minn., was chosen chairman of appropriations, and Richard Bartholdt, of Missouri, chairman of public buildings and grounds.

The minority committee places were decided on by Mr. Williams, the minority leader. The changes of note are the transfer of Shackelford, (Mo.) and Lamar, (Fla.) from the inter-State and foreign commerce committee and the substitution to their places of Bartless, (Ga.) and Russell, (Tex.)

Messrs. Underwood, (Ala.) and Granger, (R. I.) wer named for the Democratic vacanicies on ways and means.

Brief Session of Senate.

The open session of the Senate Tuesday was brief. One bill was passed.

Mr. Taliaferro took the oath of office for his new term as a Senator. He was escorted by his colleague, Mr. Mallory, before the vice-president who administered the oath. In the executive session Senator Lodge moved to send back to the committee on foreign relations the treaty in relation to Santo Domingo affairs. Opposition developed, and without explaining his reasons for asking for the consideration of the treaty again by the committee, Senator Lodge withdrew his motion. Senator Morgan said that before any amenments were voted upon or the treaty itself was discussed, it was desirable to have further information as to what had been done during the recess of the Senate. If the provisions of the treaty had been carried out before the treaty had been ratified it was desirable to know why such action had been taken and by what authority.

While the Lovering joint resolution, directing the Secretary of Agriculture to furnish certain information concerning the cotton crop is not taken very seriously as a piece of prospective legislation, a number of people will doubtless be interested in the provisions of the bill, and it is therefore given:

LOVERING'S RESOLUTION

Whereas, the estimate of the growing cotton crop made and published by the Agricultural Department on December fourth indicated a total production in the United States for the season of nineteen hundred and five ane ninetenn hundred and six of ten million one hundred and sixty-seven thousand eight hundred and eighteen bales of five hundred pounds each, gross weight; and

Whereas the census returns of the cotton ginned in the various States up to the first of December nineteen hundred and five, show that in the States of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Oklahoma the yield for the entire season as estimated by the Agricultural Department had been more than ginned; and

Whereas neither the picking nor the ginning of cotton in the State named, or in any other of the cotton-producing States of the United States is completed by the first of December, and that therefore the estimate of the Agricultural Department as to the yield of cotton in the States named is plainly an understanding and likely to mislead, and damage the cotton interests of the United States; and

Whereas, in various other States where the picking and ginning is known not to have progressed toward completion even as fully as in the four States named the amount of cotton ginned up to the first of December shows that the Agricultural Department's estimate of the yield is unquestionably an underestimate; and

Whereas it is a matter of the first importance to the people of the United States that they be supplied with a more accurate estimate of this season's cotton crop; Therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled that the Secretary of Agriculture is directed to proceed immediately to collect such data as may, in his opinion be necessary for a more correct estimate of the season's crop, and to publish the same on the tenth day of January, nineteen hundred and six, together with a full and complete statement of the method by which the estimate is arrived at, and of the details of the various reports comprising said estimate

Sec 2 That the sum of twenty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, as a special fund to defray the expenses of collecting and publishing such a revised report.

The Senate spent four hours Thursday in discussing the Panama Canal emergency appropriation bill, and a general debate in which all phazes of the controversy were exploited.

A separate bill regulating the issuance of bonds for the canal and placing them on the same basis as other government bonds, was passed without debate.

The Republican members of the House, in caucus Monday unanimously declared in favor of admitting Oklahoma and the Indian Territory as one State and by a vote of 110 to 65 declared in favor of admitting Arizona and New Mexico as one State. Both Statehood questions are to be contained in one bill. The only opposition to the program was directed against joining Arizona and New Mexico.

Debate on the recommendation in the President's annual message regarding insurance regulation occupied the House again Thursday without a break.

The House then adjourned.

The Panama Canal was again under consideration by the Senate Friday and Mr. Tillman occupied the entire time given to that subject except when he gave way to questions from or interrupted by other Senators. He did not indicate any intention of opposing the passage of the appropriation of opposing the passage of the appropriation bill, but he critised the methods of the canal commission in many of its transactions. When the Senate adjourned the bill was still pending, but there was an agreement for a vote Saturday.

The House devoted four and three-quarter hours to a lively debate on the possibilities of controlling insurance companies. No conclusion was reached on the committee reference of the insurance feature of the President's message which is the matter under consideration, and the debate will proceed Saturday.

The House indulged itself again Saturday to the extent of four hours of what was many time termed an academic discussion of Federal control of insurance. It was the fourth day of the debate and the interest of the members had appreciably diminished. The holiday recess was fixed from next Thursday to January 4.

For the purpose of bringing out information showing the existence of a civil pension list, the House asked the President for the number of civil employes of the government who have reached the age of 70 years.

Senate Passes Canal Bill.

The Senate on Saturday passed the Panama Canal emergency bill. A substitue for Mr. Bacon's amendment offered by Mr. Hale, was accepted. It specifically requires that Congress shall be supplied with a detailed estimate of all salaries except those paid to laborors, skilled and unskilled. Otherwise the bill was passed as reported from committee. During the day Mr. Hale made the authorized announcement that Mr. Bishop's duties as a "press agent" would be discontinued.

BODY NOT TO BE EXHUMED

Judge Watts Denies Petition of Fidelity Mutual Insurance Co. to Have Body of Dargan, the Dead President of Independent Oil Company Taken Up for Examination—$25,000 Policy in Question.

Cheraw, S. C., Special.—The first step to be taken by the Fidelity Mutual Insurance Co., of Philedelphia, in an effort to have the body of Robert Keith Dargan, the late president of the Independent Cotton Seed Oil Company, whose reported suicide here some months ago caused a profound sensation, exhumed, failed Saturday before Judge Watts, of the Circuit Court, who refused the petition of the company. Dargan was insured in this company in the sum of $25,000.

The attorneys argued that the testimony set forth in the affidavits was based entirely on hearsay and for this reason the court would not be justified in ordering the body exhumed. In making his decision, Judge Watts stated that he did not feel that it was the court's business to confirm these rumors and that the facts in the case, as presented by the petitioners, did not justify an order for the re-opening of the grave, inasmuch as the action was brought by individuals. Had the request came from the solicitor Judges Watts stated that it would, in all probibilty have been granted.

One of the attorneys of the petitioners stated that the company would begin action at once along other lines to secure the desired end. It is probable that the company will make an effort to enlist the interest of the solicitor.

The hearing of the case has revived, to no small extent, the interest which attached to the failure of the Independent Cotton Seed Oil Company, the suicide of Robert Keith Dargan the presirent, whose accounts were hundreds of thousand dollars short, and the sensational rumors to the effect that Dargan did not commit suicide and that he was still alive At the time of his death, or supposed death, it was said that he had made an exhaustive study of hypnotism and mesmerism, as had also his brother, who was with him at the time he was said to have died. Some rumors were to the effect that Dargan, when the coroner's jury viewed the body, was not dead but merely in a state of hypnotism. It is a fact that neither the coroner nor any of the jurors touched the body or made any examination. They were, to use a common expression, railroaded through the room where his body was. One of the arguments of the attorneys for the insurance companies at the hearing was based on this theory of hypotism.

Since the day Dargans death was reported there have been many of the best citizens in this and surrounding towns and counties who have doubted the reality of his death and this opinion obtains now without any diminution.

The president of a West Virginia university has been burned in effigy by the students because his rulings as to the brutality of the game abolished football. Our "young barbarians at play," it seems, must not be interfered with, admonishes the New York Tribune.

"HOT-AIR" COFFIN FACTORIES

Lead Many Unwary Investors into Quicksands of Financial Ruin.

In these days of frenzied finance, and the limelight of investigation on insurance corporations, the ordinary public is amazed over the disclosure of how millions are carelessly handled by the heads of large institutions, supposed to be safe and conservative.

One fact revealed by these disclosures, is that the men connected with such institutions, have gotten beyond the days of small capital, and deal with such which rival Uncle Sam's treasury, through which, if successful, they will realize large profits.

How sadly in comparison do the "investors" in many manufacturing enterprises appear, when judged from the standpoint of "knowing what you do," and nowhere is this more patent than with the investor that is constantly sinking funds in the many mushroom coffin factories that appear, and then after a spasm "disappear," either through a "shut down" or through the sheriff.

Did the loss but extend only to these "investors" it would be but the usual result, of not "looking before you leaped," but what of the creditors, and frequently the amounts advanced by "localities" paid to stimulate the new town industries, and often the wages due to workmen.

The prevailing opinion in the public mind that the manufacturing of undertakers' goods returns tremendous profits, is no doubt stimulated by experience had with the undertaker, but in the manufacturing of funeral supplies, the question becomes quite a different proposition, for supply and demand, pure and simple, regulates the price, as it does in all other business, with the exception that "the demands cannot be stimulated, by either style, product, or price, "Father Time," alone controls.

Here is where the over zealous capitalist or community allow promoters, or patriotism to impose upon their credulity, in accepting statements which will not bear the "light of investigation," but through ignorance of conditions, subscribe and put up their cash, only to get wise after it is too late.

Statistics show that there are one hundred and ninety-five casket manufacturing and jobbing plants in the United States, of which 163 are manufacturers of varying capacities, while 19 manufacture approximately 375,000 coffns and caskets annually, 30 manufacture 360,000, 114 manufacture 612,000, or a total of 1,347,000 coffins and caskets, manufactured annually in the United States, all of which must be consumed through the ordinary demand of mortality, but what is the demand? In the mortality abstract of the twelfth census, table number 94, we find that the total deaths from all causes in the registration area of the United States was 512,669 for twelve months, but this registration area was only 38 per cent of the continental territory of the United States. In part I. of the final report on vital statistics, page VII. the final computation shows a death rate in the United States of 16.3 per 1,000, and while this is considered excessive, but assuming it to be correct, it will show approximately only 1,238,000 deaths per year in this country including paupers.

Now what of the 109,000 coffins and caskets produced annually in excess of the demand which the public can not be induced to purchase by the use of any of the ordinary mediums used to stimulate trade as practiced in other lines of business? Unquestionably it is a case of over-supply, which can not be disposed of, and the surplus is more than double the quantity stated, for there is no provision in the estimate for pauper coffins, which are not made in the regular coffin factories, whereas the number of deaths include paupers, and thus the fate of nine out of every ten new coffin plants is clearly written, even before the stock is subscribed, to say nothing of the failure of the old ones.

It sometimes happens that a new plant of this kind, after a hard struggle, succeeds in surviving some of the older ones, but the same amount of capital and energy invested in some other line of business would not run such great risk of failure, while profits in the event of success have proven to be less than any other class of business.

The records show that the average per cent of profit in the casket manufacturing business by houses which have been in business for a number of years, and equipped with the best facilities for turning out their work at the smallest per cent, runs from 5 to 8 per cent, while several, if not the majority of them can do no better than break even, and in a number of instances close down, or are closed out in a few years.

The government statistics of 1900 shows that in that year $13,585,162.00 of capital was invested in the casket manufacturing business, and the value of the product was $13,952,308.00 at a cost of $10,022,829.00 for material and wages, or a gain of only 28 per cent over the amount expended. Now deduct from this the 20 to 25 per cent necessary for the cost of selling, incidental and sundry expenses and it can be readily seen that the profits will be small if any.

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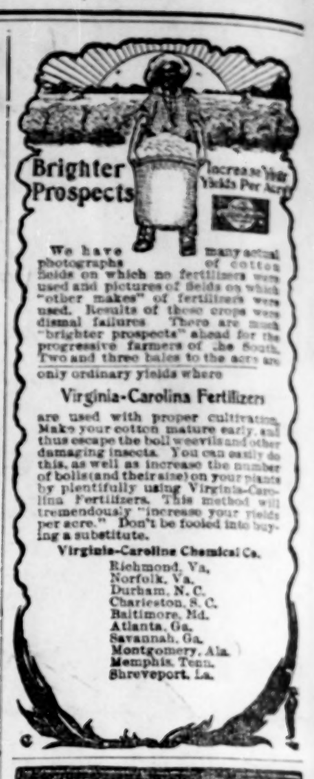

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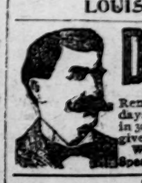

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